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the supplies or services are not otherwise available and a substitute is not acceptable.

- (ii) The contracting officer must provide documentation in the contract file whenever this exception is used.
- (b) Agencies and their contractors and subcontractors must not acquire any supplies or services from entities controlled by the Government of Iraq or other specially designated nationals (31 CFR Chapter V, Appendix A).

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25.702 Source of further information.

Refer questions concerning the restrictions in 25.701 to the Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Washington, D.C. 20220 (Telephone (202) 622–2520).

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Subpart 25.8—Other International Agreements and Coordination

25.801 General.

Treaties and agreements between the United States and foreign governments affect the evaluation of offers from foreign entities and the performance of contracts in foreign countries.

25.802 Procedures.

- (a) When placing contracts with contractors located outside the United States, for performance outside the United States, contracting officers must—
- (1) Determine the existence and applicability of any international agreements and ensure compliance with these agreements: and
- (2) Conduct the necessary advance acquisition planning and coordination between the appropriate U.S. executive agencies and foreign interests as required by these agreements.
- (b) The Department of State publishes many international agreements in the "United States Treaties and Other International Agreements" series. Copies of this publication normally are available in overseas legal offices and U.S. diplomatic missions.
- (c) Contracting officers must award all contracts with Taiwanese firms or organizations through the American

Institute of Taiwan (AIT). AIT is under contract to the Department of State.

Subpart 25.9—Customs and Duties

25.900 Scope of subpart.

This subpart provides policies and procedures for exempting from import duties certain supplies purchased under Government contracts.

25.901 Policy.

United States laws impose duties on foreign supplies imported into the customs territory of the United States. Certain exemptions from these duties are available to Government agencies. Agencies must use these exemptions when the anticipated savings to appropriated funds will outweigh the administrative costs associated with processing required documentation.

25.902 Procedures.

For regulations governing importations and duties, see the Customs Regulations issued by the U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury (19 CFR Chapter 1). Except as provided elsewhere in the Customs Regulations (see 19 CFR 10.100), all shipments of imported supplies purchased under Government contracts are subject to the usual Customs entry and examination requirements. Unless the agency obtains an exemption (see 25.903), those shipments are also subject to duty.

25.903 Exempted supplies.

- (a) Subchapters VIII and X of Chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (19 U.S.C. 1202) list supplies for which exemptions from duty may be obtained when imported into the customs territory of the United States under a Government contract. For certain of these supplies, the contracting agency must certify to the Commissioner of Customs that they are for the purpose stated in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (see 19 CFR 10.102–104, 10.114, and 10.121 and 15 CFR part 301 for requirements and formats).
- (b) Supplies (excluding equipment) for Government-operated vessels or aircraft may be withdrawn from any customs-bonded warehouse, from continuous customs custody elsewhere than